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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 15, 2008, please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks/arguments as indicated below. Applicant respectfully submits herewith a request for continued examination (RCE). Applicant also respectfully requests that the three-month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office Action be extended one-month until August 15, 2008. A one-month Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the RCE and extension fee to Deposit Account No. 070845.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.